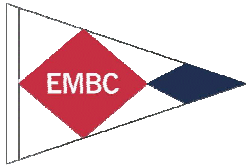
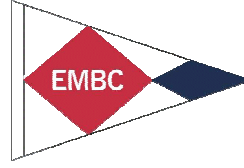


Edgewater Marina Boat Club



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Events Calendar

- > Fitting Out Party— May 23rd
- > Taste of the Marina— June 13th



Commodore's Corner



Steve Longa - Commodore

Administrative transitions are certainly a challenge. The past six years we have been living in our comfort zone, unintentionally neglecting basic boat club fundamentals and accountability to all members. As a non-profit organization we needed to conduct an internal evaluation of our expenses and continue to strive in improving our (outdated) constitutional by-laws. We are a private community, a landmark, centrally located in the heart of Cleveland, an example of fun-on-the-lake, endeavoring new and old members to enjoy the same.

Our first two meetings have been hectic. We did have an improvement in the length of our meetings and context, a differential of 140 minutes, verses 65 minutes. We could've accomplished even more in less time if the rhetoric, the insinuations, were minimized and collectively we respect the floor speaker.

Acclimating to this role is a learning curve as well. Procedures, protocols are an adjustment. I appreciate your patience and I will be more assertive in the usage of the 'gavel'. I'll start lifting weights. I suggest we elect a Sergeant/Master-At-Arms

(aka; a supply officer) to quell the disturbance at our meetings. This is subject to board approval. Of all the senior members in this boat club, not one member stepped up to an elected position, but we still have the bickering. It's time to move forward and improvement.

We have approximately 150 ~ 300 boats in our marina annually and we should be persuading, influencing membership in joining our boat club. Currently we may have forty percent of our slips occupied by boat club members. We need non-member participation, registration and their input to succeed as a viable club and landmark. As for a select few of our members lobbying to pass an immediate (by-laws) decision/vote suggested at our last monthly meeting, I believe this is unethical, especially if it impacts all potential boat members. Such a suggestion should be motioned, reviewed, documented in our newsletter and submitted for membership approval and a vote at a later scheduled date.

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Fleet News and Views



Tom Habanek - Fleet Captain

Aloha!!:}

"The He-Man's Women Haters Club will now come to order " barks Commodorky Alfalfa. "Any new bizness?" "Vice Commodorky Spanky..." says Alfalfa acknowledging Spanky.

"We have a problem" says Spanky.

"What is it" drawls Alfalfa to yet another HUGE but insignificant problem.

"There is a typo on the Application." Much ruckus and noise ensues. Alfalfa responds "What is the typo...and what is a typo anyway?" Sniffles Dave barks "It's about Esadora". "We want her out" HUGE clamor and mumblings follow. Commodorky Alfalfa bangs the gavel, really just a cut down leg from a small table, and restores order. "There ain't no women allowed in the

Birthday Wishes

Liz Varga	5	2
James W. Roark	5	3
Dianne Mendat	5	4
Melinda L	5	9
Frankie Petrucci	5	12
Wendy Butch	5	17
Jeff Fischer	5	18
Chris J Cieplowski	5	21
John H Stanley	5	24
Michael A McGinty	5	24
Roger L. Nicholas	5	24
James Kane	5	24



2009 Flag Officers

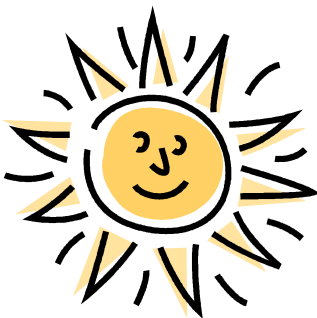
Commodore – Steve Longa
 Past Commodore – John Moldovan
 Vice Commodore – Bruce Hill
 Rear Commodore – Rick Verrell
 Fleet Captain – Tom Habanek
 Treasurer – Dan Othberg
 Secretary – Kathy Verrell

Committees

Sunshine – Nina Gamin
 Entertainment – Ray Bliscik
 Refreshment – Dale Gutfranski & Nina Gamin
 Membership – RJ & Steve Longa
 Publicity Director – RJ
 By-Laws – Chris Cieplowski
 Nominating – Vacant
 ILYA Delegate – Tom Habanek
 GCBA Delegate – Tom Habanek

Board of Trustees

- Buck Wilke
- Roger Nickolas
- Dale Gutfranski
- John Moldovan
- Gunther Wingert
- Terry Wilke



Fleet News and Views cont..



Tom Habanek - Fleet Captain

He Mans Women Haters Club” shouts Red Wagon Dave.
 “She and Alfalfa were seen together! He swoons over her!!” and the crowd goes into hysterics.
 BANG BANG BANG...”Sar-gent at arms Mikey...Where is Mikey anyway” ask Alfalfa to no one in particular.
 “Mikeys at home eating cereal” says Spanky.
 “Order...Order...Order” shouts Alfalfa as he pounds the leg on a barrel top over and over. Tim and Robert look on and shake their heads. “They'll never learn” says Tim as Robert nods in agreement and they continue to eat their creampuffs.
 “Buckwheat! Did you write out the Appli-cashun like we told you...Secretary Louie...when did we tell Buckwheat to write out the Applicashun?” hollars Alfalfa.
 “Yas suh” Answers Buckwheat to no one in particular.
 “Three years ago” answers Secretary Louie.
 “The application has a grammatical error that gives Associate Members the right to vote, and according to the bylaws they can't vote” states Esadora plainly and crisply.
 A near riot ensues.
 “No Womens Allowed”
 “I quit”
 “I'm going for a hot chocolate. This is just not what this club is about”
 “SPANKY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”
 “No women. No women No women .
 BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG. Alfalfa tries in vain to regain some semblance of decorum, but no one seems to care as they all drank a LOT of hot chocolate before the meeting.
 “Buckwheat, you spelled one word wrong, which changes the whole meaning of the sentence”.
 You noes I can't spell. I'm only in the third grade for the fourth time” says Buckwheat.
 The group howls in laughter. Buckwheat stands up and smiles a broad smile and holding his right hand with his left, raises them over his head like a Champion boxer would do after pummeling the loser. The crowd begins a chant.
 “Buckwheat...Buckwheat...Buckwheat...Buck wheat...”
 Band Bang Band goes the truncated table leg.

“Order....Order....” says Commodorky Alfalfa.
 “This meeting is going nowhere” Tom says to Robert. Both nod their head at the same time.
 Darla comes in. “Hi boys”.
 All the boys become embarrassed. Red turns red and smiles sheepishly. Alfalfa swoons. Lots of “Ahhhhhs” and “She's cute” come from the peanut gallery.
 She looks at A lfalfa and says “You're supposed to take me for a sail on the pond today, remember? Are you ready?”
 The crowd erupts again....”I vote to impeach” yells Cream Soda Dave.
 “Main Street Dave says “I seckend the moshun”
 “Meeting ajerned” yells Vice Commodorky Spanky as the gathering again blows up into total chaos. Just then Sargent-at-arms Mickey walks in. EVERYONE cowers and a few gasps come from the gallery.
 “What's going on and why are there two girls her” he says gruffly.
 Alfalfa chokingly responds in a murmur “We were jest ajerning”.
 Mike growls “Not so fast.” “Darla, what are you doing here?”
 “Alfalfa and I are going on a date, aren't we sweetie!”
 Mikey glares and snarls like a chained pit bull seeing a mailman.
 “Ssss that a fact” he states.
 Alfalfa swallows, or at least tries to. “Ye...sss” he says.
 Mikey says in tones of impending doom as he raises his Paddle-of-Justice “Bend Over”.
 Commodorky Alfalfa does as he commands and receives 10 swats on his butt.
 “Who's next!” growls Mikey.
 Thankfully this meeting comes to an end as every runs for their lives, chocolate milk and malted milk spilling everywhere. However, it ends this way every meeting, meeting after meeting. Seems no one learns cause boys just want to argue...mostly bout nuthin!

Sunshine Committee



Our deepest sympathy goes out to Roger and Sharon Nicholas on the death of their sister-in-law Edna Nicholas.

Bylaws Revision Committee

Chris Cieplowski - Bylaws Chairman

I am the Bylaws chairman of our Club. I have held this appointment for many years. As a Club we have been very lax in following the bylaws and it is beginning to affect our day-to-day operations and has been hotly discussed at our meetings. We all sign our applications each year stating that we will abide by these rules. These are legal documents and should be followed by all of our members and officers. The last time they were reviewed and updated was in 2003.

It was decided at the March meeting to review and update the Bylaws once again since many are no longer applicable and some should be changed to reflect how our Club operates now and in the future. I am looking for five or six volunteers to go over and update them for the betterment of our Club. This will take a few meetings to accomplish, which will

be held at the marina in the evenings or rainy weekend days. If you would like to be on the committee, please let me know in person or call (216)662-2985. I would like to begin our meetings soon after the May meeting.

Our Bylaws should be posted at this time on the website for all to read. If you have any suggestions, please put them in writing with your signature. You can give them to me or an Executive Board member and they will be discussed by the committee for possible changes to our Laws. The committee will go over every line in our existing Bylaws and recommend leaving, modifying, or changing them. When the committee is finished, the revised edition will be brought to membership. They will be read at three meetings, and then voted upon for approval by our membership.

Membership and Voting

Chris Cieplowski - Bylaws Chairman

At the past few meetings another hot topic of discussion has been voting rights of Regular Members and Co-members. After researching this, the voting issue of a 'Co-member' is not stated in our Bylaws but is on our "Membership Instructions" Form Rev Mar 24th, 2008. This form as it stands is a legal document of our Club. On this form it states a "Regular" membership "can consist of 1 person or 2 people" with one "designated as the Primary" and the other as "Co-member". As this document reads now, both "Primary" and "Co-" are under the heading of Regular Member and both persons shall hold full voting rights because it does not specify otherwise. This form also does not state that every member must own a boat but can be a member of his/her immediate family.

Therefore at the May meeting I will bring forth a motion for proper discussion that I feel will be fair to both the members and the Club. This motion will change the types of memberships the Club now has. The motion will be that the Membership Instruction Form be changed to read the following effective immediately: "Regular Membership can be issued to any person who owns a boat. Family Memberships can be issued to a person that is a spouse, significant other, child or sibling eighteen years of age or older, of a regular member. The

dues for Family Members will be the same as Regular Members. Regular Members and Family Members in good standing shall have all rights and privileges of the CLUB.

Associate Membership can be issued to a person that does not own a boat but is associated with a Regular Member in good standing. Associate Members shall have limited privileges of the Club, except those of holding office, voting at meetings or of holding any right, title, or interest in the property or assets of the Club. Each individual must complete an application and pay the appropriate dues."

I would like for this change to be effective immediately since most memberships are not paid until the fitting out party even though our Bylaws state that dues be payable by April 15th. If this motion passes, any persons who have previously paid for 2009 will have the option of changing their membership form to reflect the new regulations or having their application returned with all fees paid.

I am putting this in writing for all to see beforehand. Any proper discussion on this can be at the May meeting. This motion can be approved and passed at a meeting since it is not a Bylaw change but a change in member voting rights and in a legal document form. The motion must be approved by 2/3 of the votes cast since this is a change in rights. This change will also be included in our future revised Bylaws if passed.

Jacks Place



May 2009

Jack's Laws of Universal Truth (Part nine):

- Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?
- Would a fly without wings be called a 'walk'?
- Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?

- If a turtle doesn't have a shell.....is he homeless or naked?
- Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
- If the police arrest a mime...do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?

Till next time,
Jack B. Nimble

Web Stuff

Buck Wilke

You must have seen the ads on the television, now check it out. I didn't go to this site until a friend of mine told me about it. Hulu TV, what's it all about? This is actually a pretty nifty site. And there are lots of things to see, you name the category and it's there. There are tons of TV series, some are older and some are current ones. And there are plenty of episodes to watch from whatever you choose. This site is definitely worth checking out. Click on the link and go. <http://www.hulu.com/tv>

Here is a possibly helpful article from Wholesale Marine, give it a read.

Great Boating News!

MSN Money reported last week that the cost of "crude oil fell 64 cents to \$49.41 a barrel last week." They also stated that, "Gas prices will average \$2.23 per gallon this summer, down from an average of \$3.81 last summer." This means that gas prices will likely fall to the lowest levels in at least four years!!!! What does this mean for us boaters, more money in our pocket to enjoy our favorite pastime, BOATING.

Although the extra cash in our pockets from gas prices is warmly welcomed, there is always more you can do to make your boat more fuel efficient. Below are some suggestions.

Fuel Saving Tips:

Here are some additional tips to get even more fuel saving and increase engine performance this summer.

Sterndrives and Inboards

- Clean your flame arrestor (This will help your engine breathe it's just like changing the air filter on your car but easier.)
- Change your spark plugs.
- Change your spark plug wires (They may look good on the outside but they breakdown internally over time.)
- Change your fuel filters including the water separating filter.
- Tune up your engine (Replace it all distributor cap , rotor or points, plug wires, plugs, and filters)
- Replace that damaged propeller.

Outboards

- Change your spark plugs.
- Change your fuel filters.
- Spray engine tuner or power tune directly in to the carburetors while the engine is running on a hose at approximately 1200 RPM.
- Replace that damaged propeller.

There are several fuel additives that that can really keep your engine running at peak performance here are just a few.

- StarTron (Prevents and reverses E-10 ethanol enhanced gasoline problems. Also increases power, improved fuel economy, reduces emissions, cleans injectors.)
- Water Absorber (Disperses free water into fuel so that it may be safely burned away. It is very common to get water in the fuel after winter storage do to condensation.)

- OMC 2+4 Conditioner (dissolves gum and varnish in fuel systems including carburetors and injectors, extends spark plug life, stabilizes fuel, and prevents carburetor & fuel freeze up)
- Quicksilver Fuel System Cleaner (use in 2 & 4 Cycle engines, cleans carburetors, fuel injectors, and intake valves, absorbs moisture, extends fuel filter life. Maintains smooth engine operation, low fuel consumption, lowers emissions, extends plug life
- Carbon Guard (minimizes carbon build up in 2 & 4 cycle engines)

Wow, how about that weekend? We had five gorgeous days in a row in April, that's not the norm! I guess that we're back to a short reality check, but it couldn't get any better than last weekend. Let's get those boats ready. I think that our Fleet Captain was one of the first in the water, and Tom Banyas wasn't far behind. Way to go guys.

This was sent to me by Dave Bubna. Sometimes you do get a chance to give your opinion on pertinent issues. This is something that can and will affect boat owners.

EPA is considering increasing the ethanol content in gasoline to 15 percent, which can damage your boat and engine. Use this website and tell EPA not to increase the ethanol blend level!

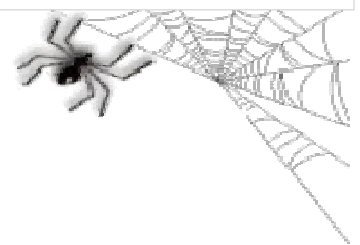
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If your email program does not recognize the URL as a link, copy the entire URL and paste it into your Web browser.

Time to get back to work, see ya in the yard.

Buck Wilke



Nora Cieplowski

Is EMBC Going to Hell in a Handbasket?

If I asked you the above question, what would the answer be (sorry for the language)? Is the answer relative to being a pessimist or an optimist? Let's compare sides.

We have new officers in place. Some people don't like change and are reluctant to give the officers a chance. Some members want the bylaws to guide us. Other members don't like rules. Some members are hesitant to come to meetings and events. They say the Club is not family-oriented. Some say there is a lack of respect shown to members.

Does this mean the end of EMBC is near? Some have been contemplating. I think not, and I think we should look at the big picture, not just what is in front of us. I feel it means that members care about the Club and what happens to it. Of course, you're going to have strong emotions and different opinions. We have many different personalities. The important issue is for members to put personalities aside and deal with the business of the Club. How do we do this? Perhaps we could go back to the basics. We could remember the purpose of this Club "is...to promote and encourage sociability and friendship among its members."

"Robert's Rules" has basics. There are basic rules for meetings and for promoting courtesy. A few of the rules are: 1. One member speaks at a time. 2. Only speak when you are recognized by the Chair. 3. Refer to others in the third person. Do not use personal attacks, name-calling, and personalizing. 4. Respect the rights of others, especially in debate. Listen attentively and wait in turn to speak. 5. If a member's side does not win a motion, he must respect the fact that the majority rules and cheerfully carry out the membership's wishes.

When the rules are not being followed, when members' rights

are being taken away in a meeting or when something inappropriate happens, one can courteously call a point of order.

Could these rules help with the perception of the Boat Club? Let's look at another side. People care about the Club. They come to meetings and give their input. Many friendships have been made through the Boat Club. Some like to gather and play cards or cornhole. Members enjoy the events. Some members volunteer.

We have over 100 members in the Club. We had over fourteen events in 2008. We just had a Commodore's Ball that was a terrific. We commended the work of the outgoing officers and welcomed the incoming officers.

Our resigned entertainment chairpersons worked hard for years for our events. We have a new entertainment chairman who couldn't wait to work, so he volunteered to provide refreshments at the marina's boat auction even before the annual fitting out party. We have new officers that are willing to help the Club.

EMBC has many things going for it. The positives outweigh the negatives. Don't let the bad overshadow the good. We can turn what some see as negatives into positives.

We can thank the officers for taking their positions and give them a chance. We can follow parliamentary procedures to guide us through our meetings and to success of the Club. We can talk about positive issues at our meetings. We can be courteous to members and respect their opinions. Members can come to meetings to give their suggestions for making EMBC more family-oriented. The Club is open for all members and can provide something for everyone.

If I asked you the beginning question, what would your answer be? Are you a pessimist or an optimist and what side is best for EMBC? Are there really two sides?

Upcoming Meetings

EMBC monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. During the warm months the meetings will be held at the Marina's Pavilion.



May 13th
EMBC Monthly Meeting

Editor Notes

Deadline for articles in our June Newsletter is May 28th

Please send in any and all articles; personal news, things for sale, cruise stories, letters to the editor, etc., etc. Pictures are welcome, include some details. Items may be sent to the Editor:

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